FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 1163 – SB 1537

April 27, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004739, 005426, 005427, 005558, 005719, 006049): Amendment 004739 expands the definitions included in the bill and provides more detail on certain provisions in the bill. Amendment 005426 expands the scope of the recycling program to include televisions. Amendment 005427 rewrites several definitions to clarify the definition of a manufacturer that imports devices into the country and removes the sale of used or refurbished devices from the definition of retail sales and retailer. Additional language in the amendment stipulates that no recycling fees may be charged to customers. Amendment 005558 corrects a typographical error. Amendment 005719 changes the effective date of the bill and the date on which manufacturers must begin reporting from 2009 to 2010. Amendment 006049 requires a written agreement before a governmental entity may provide collection services for a manufacturer.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - $738,600/Recurring
$118,000/One-Time

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

**Increase State Expenditures - $1,141,000/FY09-10 & Thereafter
$177,000/FY09-10/One-Time**

Assumption applied to amendments:

- The provision in amendment 005426 which expands the program to include televisions will result in requiring the Department of Environment and Conservation to hire an additional environmental specialist at each of eight field offices and two additional clerks to manage the paperwork associated with the reports filed by such specialists. This increases the total positions required by the Department to 23 environmental specialists, one attorney, four clerks and two administrative assistants. The total recurring cost for such positions is $1,141,000. One-time costs associated with these positions are estimated to be $177,000.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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